Our Glorious Naval Victory

Many of the Spanish Ships Destroyed

IN MANILA BAY.

AN ALL-DAY FIGHT

Havoc of Our Guns Among the Enemy's Fleet.

HER FLAGSHIP BURNED

Graiser Castillo Suffers he Same Fate.

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mor Mantin In Not Yet Ours-Admiral Dewey, wree Mearor Cavite Than Blantle-Ther Were Two Fights, and in the Interval Admiral Bewey Landed His Wounded on the there to the West of Manile-The Spaniards Say Our Losses Wore Large—In Addition to the Reine Marie Cristine and the Castille Burned, and the Den Juan de Austria Blow Up, the Mindanae and the Bon Antonie de Ellon Were Severely Injured and Several Others Were Bestroyed by the Spaniards alves-Capt. Cadarse, Commander of the Spanish Fingship, Was Hilled - The fences at the Mouth of Did Not Interfere with the Entrance of Gua Floot - All the Ships That Were Left Finally Withdrew to the Edge of Manile, Where They Were Ender the Walls of the Forts-Ope of the Greatest Naval Bucle Ever Witnessed. All This Information Comes from Madrid, Intertarded with Joy Over Spain's Victory

The following accounts of the battle between Admiral Dewey's fleet and Spain's are all from Spanish sources. The Span lards control the cable from Manila, and nothing favorable to the American arms would be allowed to pass through it.

The significance of the Spanish version of the fight is in the fact that it admits the loss of three of the finest of the Spanish ships and does not mention the loss of an American ship. It seems plain that Dewey has practically destroyed the Spanish fleet. It will be several days before his report of the battle can

FIRST REPORTS OF THE FIGHT.

Special Cable Despatches to THE BUS.

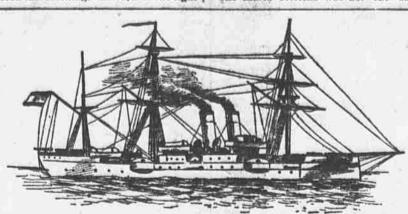
MADRID, May 1, 6:20 P. M .- Enthusiasm was produced here this evening by the publication of the contents of a private cable despatch from Manila, which told of what, according to the Spanish sender of Admiral Montijo, the commander of the the despatch, was a glorious victory of the Spaniards over the American squadron that was sent to capture Manife. The people of when they were under the fire of superior Madrid are overjoyed to hear that the vessels. hoasted superiority of the American Navy , has been shown by the first engagement to cial telegram has been received from Ma-

be based on nothing but the usual braggadocio of the natives of the United States.

There are not lacking those, however, who gather from the details already made public by official permission that the Spanish victory is more than likely to turn out a serious defeat when the actual facts become known. Former experiences have taught these doubters to place little faith in the reseate reports of the always victorious Spanish army and navy.

The cable referred to says that the American squadron, under command of Admiral Dewey, arrived off the Bay of Manila at 5 attons of his squadron. o'clock this morning. As soon as the light | The Maria Cristina was not the only

nils giving some of the details of the fighting which occurred there this morning. In this despatch it is declared that the warship which was burned was the Reina Maria Cristina, the flagship of Admiral Montijo. No explanation is given as to how the ship caught fire, but it is generally believed that a shell from one of the American vessels was the cause. The purning of the flagship made it necessary for the Admiral to transfer his flag, and he went on board the Isla de Cuba, whence he directed the oper-



REINA CRISTINA

The flagship of Admiral Montijo. She was burned during the battle, and the Admiral trans ferred his flag to the cruiser Isla de Cuba.

was sufficiently strong the American warships took up positions assigned to them by signals from the flagship and at once opened a strong cannonada against the Spanish squadron and the forts protecting the harbor. Both the forts and the warships responded, and in a few minutes the engagement became general. The third-class unprotected cruiser San Juan de Austria took a prominent part in the fighting, and the attention of a number of the American vessels was directed to her, with the result that she was severely damaged and her commander killed.

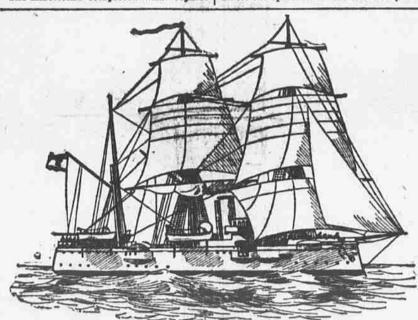
Another Spanish vessel was burned. The defence was so well sustained that

the American squadron was compelled to retire in a badly damaged condition. The Americans completed what repairs caused a conflagration on board the second class, partly protected cruiser Castillo, and shortly afterward she was also abandoned.

vessel that was destroyed by fire. A shell

Despite the glowing account of a great victory for the Spanish forces contained in the first despatches made public, the official despatch adds, after telling of the burning of the Maria Cristina and the Castillo, that other ships of the squadron had to withdraw into the harbor, where they sought safety under the guns of the forts, while still others were sunk in order to prevent them from falling into the hands

The Heraldo says that Admiral Montijo transferred his flag to the Isla de Cuba between the two encounters in order to better direct the operations. He thus escaped the



VELASCO, DON ANTONIO DE ULLOA, AND DON JUAN DE AUSTRIA. These third-class cruisers are of the same model. The Don Juan de Austria was blown up.

again attacked the Spanish warships. The latter responded to the American fire, gun for gun, and the Americans again sustained considerable loss

In this latter engagement the Spanish warshins Mindanso and Don Antonio de Ulloa, which were well and bravely fought, were slightly damaged by the American

The forts at Cavité, which is ten miles to the southwest of Manila, took an active part in both engagements, but in the last fight they kept up a stronger and steadler fire upon the American squadron than when they were first engaged, the troops manning the guns apparently gaining in coolness and accuracy of aim as the fighting progressed.

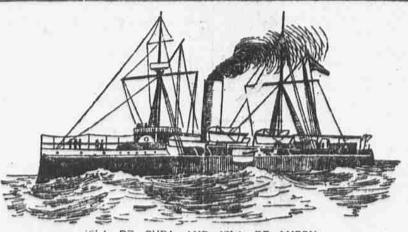
were possible under the circumstances, and | fate of the commander of the Maria Crie tina, who lost his life in the engage

> According to the advices received the Americans apparently began the second engagement after they had landed their wounded on the west side of the bay, whither they proceeded after retiring from the first engagement.

> The Ministers refer to the Spanish losses as serious, but honorable, which leads to the belief that the number of killed and wounded were larger than has yet been

> THE GOVERNOR'S REPORT OF THE BATTLE.

The following official telegram from the Governor of the Philippine Islands to Gen. Correa, Minister of War, has arrived :



ISLA DE CUBA AND ISLA DE LUZON. These third-class protected warships are of the same model. The Spanish Admiral transferred his flag to the Isla de Cuba when the Reina Maria Cristic s was burned.

When Admiral Bermejo, Minister of Marine, was informed of the success of the Spanish arms he expressed himself as highly pleased with the heroism of the Spanish soldiers and sailors. He at once telegraphed congratulations to Spanish squadron, and highly commended the valor of the crews of the various ships

MADRID, May 1-11:50 P. M .- An offi-

"Last night, April 30, the batteries at the entrance to the port announced the arrival of the enemy's squadron, which was forcing a passage under the obscurities of night. At daybreak the enemy took positions, openings strong fire against the fort

"Our flest engaged the enemy in a brilliant combat, protected by the forts at Cavité and Manila, and obliged the enemy with heavy loss to change their position and manœuvre repeatedly.

"At 9 o'clock the American squadron

took refuge behind the foreign merchant shipping on the east side of the bay,

"Our fleet, considering the superiority of the enemy, naturally suffered severe loss. The Maria Cristina is afire. Another ship, supposed to be the Don Juan de Austria, was blown up. There was considerable loss of life.

"Capt. Cadarso, commanding the Maria Cristina, is among the killed.

"I cannot now send forther details. The spirit of the navy, army, and volunteers is

OUR ARRIVAL AT MANILA.

The Minister of Marine joined the Council of Ministers this evening and informed his colleagues that the Spanish forces had gained a victory in the Philippines. He said that it was difficult to restrain his

A despatch to the Liberal from Manila says that the American squadron arrived In sight of Subig Bay at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. A reconnoissance was made of the bay, after which the vessels immedi ately left, it is believed in the direction of Manila. The Spanish land forces are watching the coast to prevent a landing, which would be difficult now.

Several private telegrams now confirm the reports of a battle at Manila. They all concur in stating that the Spanish losses

Commodore Dewey made his way into the bay with the Olympia, Raleigh, and two other vessels, despite the submarine defences placed in the channels to the right and left of Corregidor Island, where there was also a battery.

The Spanish squadron, though markedly inferior in guns and armament to the American vessels, attacked the latter with great gallantry, and, according to these telegrams, compelled them to withdraw.

The Governor of the Philippines has elegraphed that the Manila squadron is in a good strategic position off Cavité. He added that the arming of the volunteers continues, and that the Spaniards are ready to resist any attempt to land and to defend the integrity of the country.

SPANISH BOMBAST.

MADRID, May 2-1 A. M.-The battle of Cavité is regarded as a brilliant page in Spanish history. Admiral Larmejo has cabled the following despatch to Admiral Montijo:

"Honor and g. / to those who fought so heroically for the country."

A brief meeting of the Cabinet was held last evening, at which the Ministers considered the official announcement of the battle. Prime Minister Sagasta afterward went to the Palace and announced the news to the Queen Regent, who displayed great emotion

The city is wildly excited.

LONDON, May 1.-Despatches received to night from Madrid say that the news of the engagement at Cavité produced hopefulness among all classes, especially in view of the fact that the American vessels were obliged to retreat before an inferior naval

Notwithstanding the severe damage sustained by the Spanish ships, which is freely admitted, naval officers in Madrid consider that further operations by the American squadron will be conducted under great difficulty, owing to it having no base where the ships can repair, obtain further supplies of coal, or obtain the necessary fresh sup-

The despatches say that the damage done to the Spanish ships Mindanao and Ulloa was very severe, although no details are

The conflict is described as being terrible. It is said that the Spanish losses were heavy. The American ships suffered se-

A despatch from Hong Kong says that the authorities at Manila have issued placards alleging that a Spanish cruiser on April 24 (Sunday last) fought and sunk two American warships. The story is regarded as an absurd attempt to impress

Letters to the Cuban Junta here say that the Spaniards scuttled the cruiser Castillo in shallow water near the entrance to Manila, their intention being to use her as a stationary battery. Some guns from the ships have been landed at the entrance to the harbor, where they will be mounted to augment the strength of the defences there.

CLOSING THE ENTRANCE TO THE PORT. Hong Kong, May 1 .- The Philippine

rebels affirm that if the American squadron will close the port of Manila seaward they will cut off the supplies landward. The city could then not hold out for more than two weeks. Internal trouble is feared in the Philippines, and the British Consul at Manila has asked that the warship Edgar be sent to protect British interests.

COMMENTS OF THE LONDON PRESS The Vimes Accepts the Spanish Report Only se Par as It Admits Defeat.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LONDON, May 2 .- The Morning Post, commenting on the reports of the battle at Manila, says that, allowing for the incompleteness of the reports, the substantial advantage of the battle rests with Spain.

The Graphic says it expects that the facts have been distorted to suit feverish opinion in Madrid, but adds that it is clear that the Authricans do not possess Manile.

and it is questionable whether another attack will enable them to capture the town. If this is so, the American squadron must be in a difficult position. With probably half of its ammunition gone and no base to retire upon to refit and recoal, the squadron risks being shut up in a neutral harbor for the rest of the war. If Commodore Dewey has sufficient coal to earry him to San Francisco he ought to make for there Immediately.

The Times accepts the Spanish account only so far as it acknowledges defeat, which is thinly disguised under congratulations upon the bravery of the Spanish officers and sen. Still, the paper says, the attack-

ing squadron may be unable to reattempt the capture of Manila until it recoals and repairs, which will possibly involve a long delay. Meanwhile Spain may retain her hold on her threatened dependency, the loss of which would be only too likely at the present moment to increase political rivalries in the far East.

The Times says it believes that there is a certain risk that the development of the war in the Philippines will be followed by an accentuation of the jealousy of the American policy which is shown by Continental papers.

PARIS, May 1 .- The Temps says it be lieves that the powers are biding their time for Intervention in the Spanish-American dianute

MADRID ON THE VERGE OF RIOT.

the Mayal Fight.

Enceial Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 1 .- A despatch received

from Madrid late to-night indicates that the public there is at last wakeing up to the fact that the Spanish arms have really suffered a terrible reverse in the Bay of

There was a loud demand from the street rowds for an explanation of the fact that so many warships had been lost in a great Spanish victory.

A large force of the Civil Guards was called out to overcome the crowds, who andoubtedly were on the verge of rioting.

WHEN SPAIN HAS HAD ENOUGH filveln's Speech That War Should Stop When Honor Ras Been Satisfied.

Special Cable Desputch to Tun Sur. MADRID, May 1 .- The speech made by Señor Silvela in the Cortes on Saturday is widely discussed. He said he thought that war with the United States was solely a enestion of honor.

Spain, by granting autonomy, had relinquished all her rights in Cuba that were worth anything. She no longer had any material interests in the island, but, anxlous to save the honor of her flag, she had been driven into war. The army and navy would certainly de-

fend her honor heroically, but it was incumbent on the Cortes to interfere the moment the duel had gone far enough for honor to be satisfied.

Senor Silvels alluded to an impending European congress for a settlement of the

LONDON, May 1. - The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says he thinks that Senor Silvela's speech marks the turning point in Spanish politics for a novel and startling departure from the traditional ideas of the Spaniards in colonial questions. The speech, he adds, has made a profound impression. He quotes a passage from it, wherein Senor Silvela said it behooved the Prime Minister to assume without hesitation the responsibility of deciding when the point of honor would have been sufficiently satisfied.

Therefore, when the Spanish armies and fleets had, in the opinion of the Prime Minister, done enough for the honor of Spain, the time would also come for an appeal to the European powers in order that they decide what should be done to restore peace and decide the fate of Cuba, because these Powers were all interested in the future of Cuba on account of its position in the Atlantic and Guif of Mexico.

Senor Silvela said that all idealist ideas in foreign policies were things of the past and nations nowadays were only moved by their interests.

Therefore, if Spain solicited the assist ance of the powers in the Cuban question with the view to attain peace, she must approach them with something practical, with her hands full."

BEFORE THE BATTLE.

Inutrods of Residents and Merchants Leave-Early Rumors About the Navai Fight. Special Cable Bespatches to the Sun.

Hours Kong, May 1-3 P. M .- The steamer Memnon arrived here from Manila last night, bringing the chief Spanish residents of the city. 550 of the leading merchants and traders, and a large amount of specie. When the Memnon left, the Spanish squadron was cruising off the Island of Lazon. Two gunboats were anchored in the South Channel, and a third was just entering the port, towing a large lighter that was to be used in laying mines. The Memnon saw nothing of the American equadron.

LONDON, May 1 .- A despatch from Hong Kong

commanding the Spanish regadron at the Phil- that ipploce is using Fubig Bay, a short distance north of Manila, as his central base. He intends to play hide and seek with the Americans until the latter draw fire from the batteries at Corrigidor and Pulo Caballa. Then the Spanish vessels will leave Subig Bay while the Amercans are endeavoring to force an entrance into the bay hoping to find Commodore Dewey's

An order for a large floating dock, for use at Subig Bay, according to the correspondent, has been placed in England.

The correspondent of THE SUN was informed at the Foreign Office and the American Embassy this evening that nothing had been heard from

Manila concerning fighting there. It is reported here this evening that an official elegram has passed toward Washington relating to fighting at Manila. It is said that one runboat was lost, but it is not reported to which side she belonged. The Exchange Telegraph Company prints :

lespatch from Washington saving that a great battle has occurred at the Philippines, in which the Spaniards lost 2,000 men and the Americans 500. The Americans are said to have lost two ships. Little if any rellance is placed on this

The report from Washington appears to be he rumor to the above effect that was current in the streets there on Saturday, as recorded in THE SUN yesterday.]

The cable is clear for the use of correspondents, but no despatches from Hong Keng or

Manila mention any fighting. Singapour, May 1.—It is declared here that the leader of the Philippine insurgents has joined Commodors Dewey, the commander of the American squadron, and has submitted to him a scheme for the independence of the islands, with free trade to the world.

THE NEWS IN WASHINGTON.

President Mchinley Receives Despatches Over the White House Wire.

WARRINGTON, May 1 .- Just, before he retired

to-night Secretary Long said that he had heard nothing official of the result of the engagement between Commodore Dewey's squadron and the Spanish fleet and land batteries at Manila. He would not be surprised if the first advices from Corimodore Dewey did not come for several days, as the enemy controls the telegraph line running out of Manila, and the American commander would be obliged to send his despatches to Hong Kong by one of his gunboats. It is 600 miles from Manila to Hork Kong, and a vessel going at the rate of twelve knots an hour-and hardly any despatch boat would proceed faster than that for such a long distance-would take more than two days to get to the English-Chinese port. Therefore it is quite probable that official advices will not be received in this country until Tuesday. Some naval officers think that a week will clapse before Commodore Dewey's report is at hand. They suggest in support of this opinion that the American commander would not detach any of his squadron for despatch purposes unless he had gained a complete victory. While his formation is far superior to that of the enemy. be needs every ship to make the victory quick Interest in the anticipated naval engagement

was intense in Washington to-day. quite as keen, perhaps more so, at the White House as among the crowds that surrounded the newspaper bulletin boards. There was great cheering from the dense throngs of people gathered around the newspaper offices when despatches from Madrid, practically admitting Spanish defeat, were displayed. The excitement and patriotism of the crowds were shown at every opportunity, and for the first time since the war began Washington began to take more than a passing interest in the conflict with Spain. In the Blue parlor of the White House was an anxious, intensely interested party of public officials, personal friends of the President and members of their families. All these came to hear the news from the far East. Some of those present knew Commodore Dewey personally, and found an added interest in that fact. The President and Mrs. McKinley had as their guests during the evening Vice-President Hobart, Secretary Alger, Secretary Bliss, by Gen. Louis Fitzgerald of New York; Secretary Porter and a number of others. All these listened intently to the reading of the news bulletins, which were received over the wire leading directly into the White House, Upstairs in the executive offices telegraph oper ators were busy transcribing the stirring news about the battle of Manila. Downstairs in the Blue Parler the President and his guests could hardly repress a desire to cheer every time a bulletin telling of the American victory was

The number and names of all the Spanish vessels engaged in to-day's affair are not known If half a dozen Spanish gunboats which have been stationed in the southern end of the Philippines reached Manila in time to help opnose the American squadron, there were a dozen craisers and gunboats in the opposing force. A number of other Spanish vessels are at the Philippes, but it is hardly probable that these craft, mere wooden makeshifts of warships would dare risk an encounter with the fine pro tected vessels of the United States.

THE SUN of April 28 told something about the enemy's force which would probably oppose Commodors Dewey, and described briefly the vessels of the Spanish and American squadrons It was shown by comparison that Commodore Dewey had fewer ships than his opponent, but that in construction and armament they were

No fear as to the result of an engagement with the Spanish naval force was felt in Washington. The forts guarding Manila, however, were an uncertain quantity. Recent advices from abroad indicated that they had modern batteries of high power, and were not wholly coulpped with old-fashioned smooth-bores,

The President retired at 11 o'clock without waiting for further news. At midnight, as Secretary Porter left the White House he said that no information had been received there except that contained in the newspaper despatches. Secretary Long, who remained up longer than usual reading press despatches, and Capt. Crowinshield, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, also said that no official advices from the Philippines had been re-

Interest in the reports of Admiral Dower's victory was intense at the various Washington clubs, especially at the Navy and Army Club, where officers discussed the news eagerly and sought further information by telegraphing to the newspaper offices.

MANILA AND ITS BAY.

Spaniard. Said We Could Never Get In Without Armor of Chips and a Land Attack.

Spanish reports last week assorted that the sixty heavy guns and that it would be Impossible for the American fleet to enter the bay without the aid of battleships and the co operation of a strong land force. didn't know what was possible to an unarmored American fleet. Now they know more about it. Manila is a very bustling port with a very cautiful bay. The town, which is the capital of the Philippines, is a city of 250,000 inhabitants, according to the census of 1880. The large bay, on the shores of which it lies, is oval in form and at least 120 miles in reriphery. Into to the Evening Newscays that Admiral Montije, it the River Pasig emptige. The city proper,

is the fortified portion of It. left bank of the Pasig. apot selected in 1871 by Lopes de Logaspi as the future centre of Spanish power in the islands. The Spanish and Croole portion of the population constitute about one-tenth of the whole, the others being natives and Chinese, Most of the Chinese are engaged in commerce The city proper is a group of forts, convents, and administrative buildings. It is surrounded by lofty walls and connected with the commercial part of the community on the right

bank of the Pasig by two flue bridges. As a centre of trade it is admirably altusted at the mouth of a navigable river and of an imterior sea which insures it the products of a whole province. Upon the waters of the bay rides in times of peace a commercial fleet repesenting the nations of the whole world.

A canal connects Mantla with the seaport was on the other side of the island -the eastern side. In the narrows at the entrance of the bay is the volcania island of Corregidor. During the south-west monsoon, when the tides are bighest, ships of 500 tons can anchor in the mouth of the Pasig, under cover of a long jetty, while small warships can enter the cove of Cavité nine miles further down.

This cove is protected from the nigh tides by long sandy promontory called the Hook, Manila is very favorably situated for general

commerce. It commands all the routes of navigation bewien the Strait of Londe and the mouth of the Yang-tse-Klang. Laperause said of the city that its commercial location was the best in the

Up to 1811 it was the connecting point of Various reports have been printed about the

present defences at Manila and the chances of their withstanding a shelling by Dewey's fleet. Some old residents of the Philippines recently arrived in this country say that the forts are antiquated. There are three or four Krupp guns mounted, they say, but most of the arms ment is of ancient model and uttorly unable to

cope with the guns of modern warships, Spain, these persons say, has never prepared for an attack on Manila from without, and not only Manila, but all the harbors of the Philippines are almost entirely without adequate

means of defence. The Hong Kong correspondent of the London Daily Mail said lately of the Manila fortifications: "The defences are in a wretched state," and speaking of the threatened bombardment he added: "Manila must soon succumb,"

ture is clears, which is a Government monopoly Manila was founded by the Spaniards in 1571. on the site of a Malay town defended by stockades. Miguel Lopez de Legasni, conqueror of

The principal exports of Manila are hemp, ci-

the Philippines and founder of the city, was in defatigable in promoting its growth. He founded the cathedral, which is she metropolitan church of all Catholic Oceanica: he entablished a municipal organization which was confirmed by Philip II, of Spain, and continues to be the form of municipal government to-day. Chinese laborers and traders settled in great

numbers, and in time became very turbulent. In 1603 an insurrection took place and 23,000 Chinese were massacred, notwithstanding which the Chinese population in 1639 was about 30,000.

The severity of imposts and religious persecution again led to an insurrection which ter-minated in the slaughter of about 25,000 Chinese and the banishment of the rest. They soon returned to the city, however, in large num-bers and assisted Admiral Cornish and Sir William Draper in its capture in 1762. The English expedition, composed of 2,300 Europeans and Sepoys, which sailed from Madras, took the city by storm after a slege of ten days. The Governor and Archbishop agreed to pay \$5,000,000 to save the rich cargoes then lying n port, but the Spanish King refused to ratify

the offer. Manila was restored to Spain by the Peace of Paris on Feb. 10, 1763. Earthquakes have been frequent and disastrous; in that of 1645 3,000 lives were lost, while in that of June, 1863, about 1,000 per-

burned, some lives were lost, and about 30,000 persons were rendered homel The recent history of the Philippines has been marked by frequent uprisings against the despotism of Spanish rule. There have been two

since the beginning of the present Cubam trouble, one of which is still in progress DEWEY AS A FIGHTER.

the Brush with the Spanish Not His First by

any Moans. Commodore George Dewey first breathed the free air of these United States in the green hills of Vermont sixty-one years ago. He has seen red-hot fighting between then and now-enough to know he hits hardest who hits straightens and oftenest and keeps it up indefinitely. Dewey was appointed to the Naval Academy from Vermont when he was 17 years old. When he graduated in 1858 he went with the steam frigate Wabash on a cruise with the Meditor-



(From a photograph by Bell, Washington, D. C.)

Ensign Dewey was at home when Fort Sumter vas fired upon. Just one week later, April 19, 1861, he received his commission as a Licuteaant. He was assigned at once to the steam sloop Mississippi, which was to take part in the flerce fighting of the West Gulf squadron. The Mississippi was a side wheeler of seventeen guns, and was commanded by Commander Melancthon Smith. The West Gulf squadron went at once to the Mississippi River to force its way up. "The History of Our Nevy " thus describes the sort of things the mon on the Mississippi ext

New Orleans: "The Per speola and the Mississippi steamed slowly, with their black hulls at regular intervals sheeting the air with lurid are as they replied to the forts. Abreast of St. Pailip, where the Confederate fire was buttest, they drew in so close that the gunners affect and those asbore

fenced when they preceded Farragut up past

strikes transa Batteins Accounters Improved service between New York and Atlantic City daily, except sunday. Commenting Wednesday, May 4, the Atlantic City express will leave foot of West 1954 at, 150 P. M., Cortinated and archivose stateming bave atlantic City 1, 160 P. M. access New York, 26d et., 12140 P. M. This train with not remain into Comment.